

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendments and response received March 8, 2010 have been entered. Claims 1, 2, 5-16, 18 and 19 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 18 and 19 have been amended and claims 4 and 17 canceled. Amendments and response are addressed hereinbelow.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Martine (32,043) on April 8, 2010.

In claim 19 lines 1-2, change: "A computer program stored on a computer readable storage medium..."

to

"A computer program stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium..."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 5-16, 18 and 19 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any subsequent prior art which teaches a method for setting a color tone of a monochrome image comprising an ink color circle for specifying color component intensities representing three chromatic primary color inks with a single point therein; an arbitrary point in the ink color circle being mapped to a corresponding point in an ink color triangle, the arbitrary point being mapped such that the corresponding point is present on a straight line connecting the center of the ink color circle and the arbitrary point.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMARES WASHINGTON whose telephone number is (571) 270-1585. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday: 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, King Poon can be reached on (571) 272-7440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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